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## Japan and the Philippines.

It is a pity that the mischievous clatter about Japan and the Philippines should find its way into the debates of Congress. It is a reflection on that body that it should want the islands taken over in the first place. It should have been left to the lobby and the curbstone, where swordless majors and gowless "jedges" most do congregate.

Nothing that Japan has said or done gives the slightest warrant for apprehension as to the Philippines. She understands the situation quite as well as we do. She has shown herself to be a good neighbor. The war with Russia grew, not out of her aggressiveness, but Russia's. It was Russia who was crowding. Had it been Japan, she would not have enjoyed such widespread sympathy in the struggle.

Why then suspect Japan of a purpose to play the gamester in which she recently attempted by Russia on her? Leaving out our good relations with her prior to that time, why should she offend the country whose sympathy she had while her war with Russia was in progress, and whose chief executive became the medium of bringing that war to a close in the highest degree honorable to Japan? If she were to attempt to crowd us out of the Philippines whose sympathy would she excite? What effect would such a step produce on the world at large, of whose satisfaction at our presence in the Philippines we are amply assured?

Turning then to the talk about a sale of the archipelago by us, what warrant is there for that? Who says so? The men who did so, would the islands taken over in the first place? They were never for a moment the masters of the situation. The men who wished Aguinaldo success in his revolt against the American authority, and cheered him on while he was in arms? They were never more than a corporal's guard, and have never advanced beyond the petition stage of the subject and writing cards to the newspapers, which are less influential in our affairs do not exist.

Control of the Philippine Islands is not a question between the United States and Japan. She could not afford to attack us at that score, and if we wanted to sell and she to buy other powers would be entitled to, and probably demand, consultation. Europe, which is of our control of the archipelago, would object to our giving away to Japan. Even Great Britain, Japan's ally, would not relish that.

All of this being so plain, what is the use of dignifying blather on this subject with official notice? Moreover, time in Congress just now is worth its weight in gold.

## The Heyburn Bill.

The Heyburn bill, appropriating \$10,000,000 for the acquisition by the government of all privately owned land between Pennsylvania and the Ohio river, has been passed by the Senate, and the House will pass upon the sundry civil bill an amendment which carries an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the purchase of the five squares on 15th street between the avenue and the Mall, facing the White Lot.

One or both of these measures may fall at this session, but the old, populous and familiar section of Washington is doomed is certain.

The blotting out of the Mall-avenue triangle will carry away many landmarks of old Washington. Hotels, theaters, shops and restaurants whose history is bound up with the history of the city will pass. The commission house district, which Washington has been fed, will be removed. Blocks of houses, once fashionable dwellings, but now descended to poor tenements, will go.

Many considerations demand the obliteration of the triangle. The considerations are of paramount importance to the nation. Congress votes the money for the improvement of the better for all—the national government, the city, the people and the property owners immediately concerned.

## Knox.

The Knox presidential boom is all right. It has its origin in the pride Pennsylvanians feel in having a man in commission in the Senate whose presence there commands general attention and admiration. The long night of silence, and worse, is at an end. Mr. Knox is a great lawyer, a forceful speaker, and a man of attractive personal character. He stands for good and clean government, and is a credit to his people. The more booms the merrier, and the better. If a number of favorite sons appear at the next republican national convention, each of good caliber and of merit, so much the better will it be for the party, and, in the case of the party's continued supremacy, for the country. A good candidate and a good President should be the result.

When Italian tenors are quarreling about their salaries there is at least some assurance that they are keeping out of mischief.

The public is thankful for pure food, but continues to attach more importance to the price marks than to the labels.

## Tracks to Union Station?

It is no doubt true that personal resentment of the manner of handling the so-called District omnibus bill had a good deal to do with its defeat in the House last Monday, and in the general wreck and confusion the provision giving authority to the local traction companies to extend their lines to the union station was lost.

The chairman of the District committee of the House brought the bill up under a suspension of the rules instead of in the regular order of business on a day set aside for the consideration of District matters. The unusual procedure cut off the chance to vote on amendments or to vote on the bills lumped in the omnibus bill. This seemed to raise the ire of many representatives, and some of them assailed the duplex measure not so much because of hostility to its provisions as to the chairman of the District committee.

The fate of the bill was due in some part to the fact that it was not able to amend the omnibus bill. It was not able to amend the omnibus bill. It was not able to amend the omnibus bill.

News reports from the Capitol have it that: "The Senate bill to permit the local street railway companies to extend their tracks to the union station, which, in turn, would be the 'broadway' and 'main street' of the city, was voted down by the House last Monday—will probably come up again be-

forenoon and Saturday under a special rule from the committee on rules. It is understood that this rule will permit the amendment of the bill."

If the rule permits amendments, there will be efforts to distort the bill with three-cent fare amendments, universal transfer amendments, etc., etc. One reason it was crushed last Tuesday was that the amendments were not in order. Now, if it comes up again and amendments shall be in order, the bill may be so plastered over with them that there will be a row anyhow. It is probable that amendments out of tune with the bill will be voted down and that a straight vote may be taken on the bill. It is all a sorry mess, and yet the question is a simple one. No one can fairly or logically oppose the track extension bill. The nation, the national capital, the railroads and everybody are jointly interested in the great new terminal. The revolution in the railroad situation in Washington has been brought about by the will of the people and by dollars from the federal exchequer, the District funds and the railroad treasuries.

Is the union railway station to stand off in splendid isolation from the street car lines? Is Congress in collusion with the cabmen? Must travelers out of Washington and into Washington call a cab or walk? Shall the green cars and the yellow cars continue to discharge passengers at the Baltimore and Ohio and the Pennsylvania stations when there shall be neither trains, platforms nor ticket offices there? If the street railways are to be extended to the union station by the time that station is ready for steam trains, authority for trackage extension must be given at this session of Congress. And the end of the session is not far off.

## Brownsville Again?

A dispatch from Chicago published in The Star last evening contained the following statement:

"It is reported here that President Roosevelt has discharged the entire force of employees at the local substation, but the story is not confirmed. Officially, it is said that if such an order has been issued in Washington, it has not yet reached this city. The president of a leading Chicago bank intimated that the story probably is correct in that he had been advised that the President was considering the case yesterday."

So far as learned in Washington there is no foundation in fact, as yet, for this rumor. Such a rumor probably never could have gained currency but for a recent wholesale discharge without honor in a southwestern city with a colored name.

It is likely that there is nothing in the story, yet it is conceivable that the President may discharge without honor every man in the substation at Chicago. If the employees there admit that they are on terms of intimacy with the racial or racial who got away with \$173,000 of Uncle Sam's money and helped the looters get back into the barracks, clean their guns and fall in for roll call, they will feel the presidential ax. And if they dare to stand up and say they do not know who the racial were, they are just as liable to get the ax anyhow.

It was recorded in the news columns of The Star yesterday that: "John E. Wilkie, chief of the secret service, is on his way to Chicago to investigate the theft of \$173,000 from the United States substation in that city last week. It was thought at first that it would be unnecessary to send Chief Wilkie, but the reports received by the Treasury Department have been so unsatisfactory that the original policy of the department has been changed."

If the employees in the substation at Chicago do not acquit the investigator with the full name and address of the miscreants it is possible that they may be dropped from the pay roll without honor, and be hereafter ineligible to re-enlistment or to hold any office of honor, profit or emolument under the government of the United States.

## Canal Inspection.

Fifty members of the House of Representatives will go to Panama next week to inspect the work of construction on the isthmian canal. The officials of the canal commission are making preparations for the entertainment of the party on the isthmus.

Fine! No other canal on earth or on Mars has had so much inspection, and so many reports as this. If inspectors were only excavators. But this is well. It is important to get reports on the canal, and there is no doubt, judging from the many varieties of congressmen going on the trip, that the country will get several kinds of reports. Much, however, will depend on the preparations which are making for entertainment of the party on the isthmus. The members of Congress who have signed their names to make this hazardous tour of inspection are not all of them engineering experts. This is especially pleasing because it is often difficult to tell from an expert's opinion what he thinks. Very many of these congressional inspectors lay not the flattering unctious to their souls that they are engineers in any more exalted degree than being able to make a political machine. It is true that a certain measure of dexterity is required to do even this and keep from being blown up or run over.

There is no editorial supervision to prevent statements from holding some of their best thoughts out of the Congressional Record and giving them to the Chautauquans.

In addition to its other good work the Panama canal commission will make famous a number of engineers.

Witnesses who make no claims to expertness appear to fear best under Mr. Jerome's cross-examination.

New York is constantly extending to eminent statesmen invitations to accept less glory and more money.

It is still too early to figure on when the Panama canal will be built. The question is still as to how.

Gen. Stoessel is one eminent Russian with whom even the terrorists may be tempted to sympathize.

The unwritten law and the unprintable testimony are coming more and more into evidence.

## Smoke Dreams.

Indications are that cigarette smoking is not on the decline in Spain. Another feature about cigarette smoking as practiced in the land of manana is that the dons are not using the ordinary oakum, spinach and other "fillings" employed in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Particularly in the case of the grandes, hidalgos, caballeros, paisanos, et al., seem to be puffing hard on some peculiar punk in the clouds of which they are curious things. The news comes from Madrid that a tremendous sensation has been caused there by the publication of a story, credited to the Diario de la Marina of Havana, that the Senate of the United States was bought by Tomas Estrada Palma in 1897 to insure war being declared against Spain.

It is alleged that bonds to the value of \$37,000,000, redeemable when Cuba should become independent, were issued to senators in Washington.

There should be no disposition to charge the Spanish people as a whole with being a phantasm of this kind. There is not much information in Washington as to the journalistic status of the Diario de la Marina of Havana, but it is a shrewd guess that there are also a few papers in the United States just like it. This charge of the purchase by Mr. Palma

of the United States Senate is terribly unjust to that body. Many muck-rakers believe that the Senate has its limitations, and some muck-rakers feel that if Palma paid \$37,000,000 for the Senate he was overcharged.

Anyhow, if \$37,000,000 was paid for the Senate, what did the House of Representatives cost? For Congress has the power to declare war and the Senate is only one part of Congress, and some representatives have been heard to say, only a very small part.

Mr. Leslie M. Shaw may never be President, but he can come pretty near being sure of drawing a larger salary than a President receives.

George Bernard Shaw is perhaps fortunate in the fact that thoughtful people seldom take him as seriously as he takes himself.

Perhaps some word of approval is due to Mae Woods for not overlooking the newspaper with portraits in picture hats.

The expert witness on frenzied finance has an easier time of it than the ordinary expert witness on insanity.

## SHOOTING STARS.

## Facts and Figures.

"The financial statements issued by the officers of your insurance company present some encouraging figures."

"Yes," answered the doubtful citizen; "the figures are good, but the facts are against them."

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## Conscientious Endeavor.

How oft this sad result we find. 'Mongst those who strive to teach; The congressman doth speak his mind, But no one minds his speech.

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